

Advisory Committee for 9-1-1 Service Oversight
Committee Minutes
September 20, 2004

In Attendance: Charles Jackson, Chairman; R.D. Porter, Carol Ann Freeman, Arie Crawford-Hoard, Barbara Gulick, Chief Sherman George, Chief James Person, Bob Asahl, Greg Ballentine, Andy Bettman, John Wade, Lin Appling

Visitors were: John Williams, St. Louis Fire Department; Doreen Draper, Cass County

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. at the State Emergency Management Agency, Jefferson City, MO by Mr. Jackson. Mr. Wakeman opened the meeting with roll call of members. A quorum was declared. Mr. Jackson welcomed and introduced Mr. Lin Appling, the newest member appointed to the committee.
2. Administrative actions included review and approval of the meeting minutes from the March 16, 2004 meeting and the transcript from the June 14, 2004 meeting. Motion was made by Chief Person to approve the March 16 minutes and seconded by Mr. John Wade. Motion was approved to accept minutes. With changes, Chief Person made motion to approve the June 14 minutes and Ms. Carol Ann Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved to accept minutes.
3. The next item of business was the Curriculum Sub-Committee report given by Mr. Porter. The committee met September 20, prior to the Advisory Committee Meeting to give interim approval to 15 courses that had been submitted. Mr. Porter offered a substitute motion requesting that the committee concur with the Chairman, authorizing the approval of the June 14 courses. Mr. Porter made the motion to approve the courses, Chief Person seconded, motion was carried and courses were approved. Mr. Porter reported that the committee had asked the curriculum sub-committee to look into the possibility of modifying the 8 curriculum into a form that was more compatible with the full classifications currently held by the POST. Chief Person reported that a meeting was held prior to the June 14 meeting with representatives from the St. Louis County Police Chief's Association, MONENA and other representatives to begin the process of recommending some changes to the dispatcher training and moving towards the certification program to be more similar to the POST program. They agreed to have a representative from the JCPD, Mr. Porter and Sheldon Lineback, the Executive Director from the Police Chief's Association, get together and have another meeting in the near future and will get back to the committee with the results. Mr. Porter stated that it was his understanding that APCO Institute is in the process of upgrading their 40 hour course, and may have some impact on the National Standards. With that, since the committee has adopted the APCO Standards, they may be in a position to migrate to a POST format.
4. The next scheduled meeting date will be Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at the State Emergency Management Agency at 1:30 p.m. The Curriculum Sub-Committee will also meet on November 16 at 10:30 a.m.

5. Mr. Wakeman reported on the progress of the awarding of the interoperable grant. There was 3.5 million dollars available against the 2003 grant. There were 271 applications of which 254 were eligible. The total amount applied for was 26.1 million. It was in 3 categories; communications equipment, CAD 9-1-1 systems and emergency management crisis management software package. There were 5 members on the committee to review the applications. Awards were made to 74 jurisdictions. They are now working the 2004 grants. Mr. Porter made motion, Mr. Appling seconded the motion. The motion was carried to accept the Communication Interoperable Grant report.
6. In the next item of business, Mr. Porter asked permission of the committee to bring people in that deal with 9-1-1 addressing. There is a large problem with addressing. There are no state standards on addressing. There is no continuity, each local government does what they want for their local jurisdiction. This is an issue that the committee needs to review and make some recommendations to the legislature in order to get this clarified. There needs to be guidelines. The motion was made and seconded to discuss addressing at the November 16 meeting. Mr. Jackson asked for a sub-committee to look into the 9-1-1 addressing; Roger Young, Bob Asahl, Greg Ballentine, Carol Ann Freeman to serve as Chair, Andrew Bettman, Chief Sherman George and Lin Appling, Sheriff Bill Ferrell and John Wade.
7. In open discussion, Mr. Sloan reported on the Communications Conference, February 10-12, at Tan-Tar-A. He stated that 9-1-1 addressing could possibly be a workshop at the conference. There will be a 4 hour dispatching course offered at the conference and it will be offered twice.
8. Also, in open discussion, Mr. Jackson reported that there are young legislators to work with and we should address them with the addressing issue along with the funding issue. With the new Legislature and Governor, we need to educate those people and let them make the decision.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.